(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the scheme is likely to be approved;

(d) the States where Government propose to introduce the scheme in the first phase;

(e) whether Government propose to set up rural development fund, for effective implementation of the scheme in rural areas, particularly Himachal Pradesh; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the amount likely to be allocated for the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) No sir,

(f) Does not arise.

Rural roads connectivity under PMGSY

4573. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has announced any amount for rural roads connectivity in the States under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the villages identified to be connected having a population of more than 500;

(d) whether any monitoring mechanism has been in place in each State; and

(e) if so, the role of such mechanism and responsibilities fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) Rural roads is a State subject. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is a special inter-

vention by the Central Government to provide connectivity by way of an all-weather road to all unconnected habitations with the population of 500 and above [250+population size in Hill States, Desert Areas and Tribal (Schedule V) Areas]. Under Bharat Nirman, Government has set a goal to provide connectivity to all villages with a population of 1000 (500 in the case of hilly or tribal areas) with an all-weather road by 2009. Under Bharat Nirman the target during the current year provide is to (a) provide new connectivity to 20071 habitations and with 43989.932 km of new link roads and (b) to upgrade 599316.284 km of existing through roads (including renewal).

(d) and (e) The project proposals are considered and approved in accordance with the Programme Guidelines for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). The programme is monitored through mechanism of regional and performance review meetings, periodical reports and returns, three tier quality monitoring system, Web-based online monitoring system (OMMAS) has also been operationalised to track the progress of implementation of projects in States.

Allocation under PM's 15-Point Programme

4574. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of RD has set aside Rs. 1,000 crore under three different schemes under Prime Minister's 15-point programme;

(b) if so, the details of schemes under which Rs. 1,000 crore have been set aside;

(c) what share is going to be allocated to Andhra Pradesh under the above schemes; and

(d) how the Ministry is planning to spend the amount in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Rural Development has finalized targets for three schemes, the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) for 2007-08, under Prime